



Backcountry Management Planning

Process and Schedule

- Scoping -gather public input: August 2005
- Incorporate public comment, complete Backcountry Management Plan and Environmental Assessment (EA): September 2005 – May 2007
- **Public review and comment on plan/EA: May 2007 to June 29, 2007**
- Incorporate public comment, complete plan/EA: July – August 2007
- Finding of No Significant Impact signed: September 2007
- Begin implementation of Plan: October 2007

Goals of the Backcountry Management Plan

- Protect and conserve the park's natural and cultural resources and values, and the integrity of wilderness character for present and future generations.
- Provide for the maximum freedom of public use and enjoyment of the park's backcountry in a manner that is consistent with park purposes, wilderness management and the protection of park resources and values.
- Provide for public understanding and support of wilderness values.



Backpacking the West Rim Trail